(c) The schemes being implemented through voluntary organization are publicized periodically so that more NGOs can be encouraged to submit their proposals through the State Governments for implementation of the various schemes for the welfare of target groups. As a result, there has been substantial increase in the No. of NGOs seeking assistance from this Ministry for implementation of the various schemes.

Expansion of network of schools for blind and handicapped

426. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to expand the network of schools for the blind and handicapped in the country;

(b) the details of financial grants given to these schools during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken for utilization of this fund?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Under the Scheme to Promote Volunatary Action for Persons with Disabilities assistance is given to volunatary organizations for taking up projects for welfare of the blind and handicapped in the area of education, training including vocational training and provision of rehabilitation services. There has been significant growth in the number of organizations and amount of assistance given under the Scheme as a result of the encouragement given to voluntary action for setting up projects for welfare of blind and handicapped including schools. National Institutes, which are apex level institutions and expert bodies in different areas of disability also sponsor and support special schools in their respective area of disability.

(b) A statement indicating the number of organizations assisted and amount of grant released under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities is annexed (*See* below).

(c) In the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with disabilities, grantee organizations are required to furnish audited accounts of the project and the organization as a whole, and audited utilization certificate of the previous grant released for continuation of further assistance. The Scheme also provides for requirements of satisfactory inspection report and recommendation of the inspecting agency before release of 2nd instalment of grant in aid. This facilitates monitoring of utilization of funds.

Statement

Details of number of NGOs and Assistance given during 3 years under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities

State	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02	
	Nos.	Rs. in lacs	Nos.	Rs. in lacs	Nos.	Rs. in lacs
Andhra Pradesh	84	1208.35	91	1283.57	99	1001.82
Arunachal Pradesh	2	13.00	1	6.32	2	18.98
Assam	3	30.56	8	40.11	8	14.30
Bihar	11	57.68	8	162.47	18	221.60
Chandigarh	2	1.42	2	6.57	2	5.22
Chhattisgarh	1	3	9.08			1249
Delhi	31	679.04	34	649.54	36	484.43
Goa	2	17.68	2	12.64	3	24.07
Gujarat	17	75.36	25	114.52	16	94.73
Haryana	10	59.51	15	95.44	15	54.84
Himachal Pradesh	1	32.42	2	15.85	3	24.49
Jammu & Kashmir	2	7.24	3	12.23	4	4.36
Jharkhand					3	7.01
Karnataka	58	571.99	57	640.58	63	600.19
Kerala	49	442.04	55	483.72	62	496.63
Madhya Pradesh	8	17.43	10	39.32	15	47.21
Maharashtra	26	263.72	18	197.99	24	200.94
Manipur	7	57.06	5	56.63	7	53.45
Meghalaya	4	17.41	4	46.38	4	38.05
Mizoram	1	25.31	1	29.52	2	30.06
Nagaland				2.83	0	0.00
Orissa	21	193.96	24	252.26	25	260.27
Pondicherry	2	1.44	1	6.59	1	5.85
Punjab	10	64.94	11	91.39	11	79.85
Rajasthan	6	88.13	11	93.99	21	149.86
Sikkim					1	1.94
Tamil Nadu	34	325.69	37	396.07	41	370.29
Tripura	1	6.83	1	6.02	1	6.50
Uttar Pradesh	67	772.39	57	873.19	59	681.52
Uttaranachal			5	95.85	8	35.18
West Bengal	43	365.53	42	492.52	48	372.54
TOTAL	502	5396.13	534	6213.19	605	5398.67